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TO ELECT 250,000 TRADE UNION FUNCTIONARIES

Between 10 January and 1 October 1952, 250,000 functionaries of the National Council of Trade Unions will be elected.

The trade unions are the largest organization of the working masses and, as the organizers of work competitions, they render direct service to the party in regard to production. During the past 1½ years, the importance of trade unions has considerably increased, since they have to educate constantly a great number of workers to carry out party and government resolutions. Another mission is the furtherance of discipline in large-scale industry and creation of incentives for the Socialist work competitions.

The principal aim of the elections is the strengthening of the trade unions so that they can cope with their important task. An adequate political indoctrination campaign is the prerequisite for the success of the elections. However, certain organs of the trade unions, due mainly to inimical, Social Democratic influence, are apt to conduct the campaign with bureaucratic methods instead of real agitation and political indoctrination.

Only workers who are ready to defend the party's policy and fight for the interests of the working class should be elected. This goal, however, cannot be accomplished without a vigorous campaign. The enemy, hirelings of the right-wing Social Democrats and imperialists, will try to infiltrate the leadership of the trade unions since it has become increasingly difficult for them to smuggle their men into the party organizations. Vigilance of the masses must prevent these hirelings from attaining their aims.

The election results should be a manifestation of a new incentive for Socialist competition, Stakhanovite and innovation movements, tightening of discipline, bigger production, and fulfilling and exceeding the plans.

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